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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Hicks

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For: Achieving Tight Binding For
Dynamically Loaded
Software Modules Via
Intermodule CopyingMAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 23, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.